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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The examiner has examined the applicant's submission of the Muller reference, which was previously missing from the non-patient literature supplied by the applicant. Muller does not teach the claimed independent concepts. The examiner has updated the IDS page, included with this action, containing Muller with an initial next to the reference.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher L. Lavin whose telephone number is 571-272-7392. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (8:30 - 5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh M. Mehta can be reached on (571) 272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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